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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: OUDONG GARRISON FALLS

REF: PHNOM PENH 4267

1. THE GARRISON ISOLATED IN THE EASTERN TEP PRANAM
SUBURB OF OUDONG ABANDONED ITS POSITIONS THIS MORNING (MARCH 28)
AND ALONG WITH SEVERAL HUNDRED CIVILIANS IS ATTEMPTING
TO EXFILTRATE TO GKR LINES. AS BEST AS CAN NOW BE
RECONSTRUCTED, TROOPS BEGAN TO ABANDON THE ENCLAVE
SHORTLY AFTER 1000 HOURS THIS MORNING MARCH 28 AFTER
(A) AN ENEMY ROUND HIT AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED AMMUNITION
SUPPLIES AND (B) SOME 2,500 CIVILIAN REFUGEES BEGAN PUSHING
INTO THE SMALL AREA, WHICH WITH SOME 900 TROOPS AND 1,500
CIVILIANS WAS ALREADY SHORT OF FOOD. IT IS REPORTED THAT
ENEMY DELIBERATELY SET FIRE TO MANY BUILDINGS AND
PURPOSELY FORCED CIVILIAN REFUGEES INTO THE AREA.
WE ALSO HAVE REPORT THAT 300 CIVILIANS AND MILITARY
HAVE SUCCEEDED IN REACHING 80TH BRIGADE TO EAST OF THE CITY.
ANOTHER COLUMN IS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO EXFILTRATE NORTH
TO LOVEK.

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2. PRESIDENT LON NOL THIS AFTERNOON REAFFIRMED
ORDER FOR FANK TO RETAKE OUDONG. A BATTALION OF
28TH BRIGADE AND 2 ADDITIONAL 105MM HOWITZERS ARE
NOW BEING MOVED TO REINFORCE EASTERN ATTACK FORCE,
WHICH NOW HAS TWO FULL BRIGADES OF FOUR BATTALIONS
EACH, FOUR 105MM HOWITZERS AND A SQUADRON OF ARMORED
PERSONNEL CARRIERS. AN ADDITIONAL BATTALION IS
ALSO BEING SENT TO PROTECT THE REAR OF THE EASTERN
FORCE. CONFUSION OF FRIENDLY AND ENEMY ELEMENTS
CAUSED BY EXFILTRATION EFFORTS HAVE, OF COURSE,
OBSTRUCTED AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS AND WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY DELAY FORWARD MOVEMENT OF FANK FORCES.
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